their family food budget, since the monthly quota will be raised from 10 kgs. to 20 kgs. In case of sugar, the impact on consumer will be nominal.

Prevention of Deafness and Japanese Encephalitis

*125. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have discontinued the programme for prevention of deafness and impairment of hearing and Japanese Encephalitis Control in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, how these are being implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) and (b) All India Institute of Speech & Hearing, Mysore is currently carrying out a pilot project with Plan funds on Prevention of Deafness and Hearing Impairment. In addition, E.N.T. Department in Government Hospitals provide treatment of ear infections, which if left unattended could lead to hearing loss/deafness.

Under the National Anti-Malaria Programme, technical guidance and material assistance is provided to the State Governments for prevention and control of various vector borne diseases, including Japanese Encephalitis.

Recovery of penalty from Ranbaxy

*126. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recovered Rs. 40 crores penalty from Ms. Ranbaxy for overcharge on Revital;

(b) whether it is a fact that Revital has been approved as food supplement;

(c) if so, the name of Officers involved in supporting overcharge and granting approval to Revital as food supplement, keeping aside the rules and regulations of Drugs and Cosmetic Act;

(d) whether the matter has been investigated by Government agencies; and -

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SURESH PRABHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Revital is a product containing Gingseng with vitamins and minerals. In its meeting held in February, 1995, the Central Committee for Food Standards (CCFS), which is a statutory body under the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, recommended that Gingseng may be termed as Food for Special Dietary uses or in the preparation of therapeutic foods without medicinal claims.

Subseqnently, the Licensing Authority in Himachal Pradesh has granted license under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955 to Ms. Ranbaxy Laboratories Limited, Paonta Sahib, for manufacture of 'Revital' capsule.

(d) and (e) In November 1992, price was fixed for Revital Capsules under DPCO. 1987. However, Ms. Ranbaxy Labs Limited informed the Government that they had stopped manufacture of the product.

Matter was investigated at that time and no case of overcharging was established.

Progress of Rail Projects in J and K

*127. SHRI SHARIEF-UD-DIN-SHARIQ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present position of the Jammu-Qazigund and Qazigund-Baramulla railway project in J and K;

(b) whether the work for construction of railway stations at Srinagar, Nowgam, Anantnag, Qazigund and Baramulla has started; if so, by when the construction would be completed and if not, when the work would start;

(c) what is the progress of work at Udhampur-Qazigund rail project; and